

REAP

City Parks and Open Space Grants

2004 & 2005

Brief Descriptions

LARGE CITY PROJECTS

Cedar Rapids 2004 Grant Amount - \$300,000

This project redeveloped a donated obsolete quarry into new park and open space with multi-purpose recreational uses. The 104 acre site is surrounded by trail connection, and provides 62.5 acres of water comprising a pristine clear water lake with sand beach for swimming, scuba diving & rescue training, non-motorized boating, and fishing. Amenities included development of a bathhouse pavilion and lodge.

Urbandale 2004 Grant Amount - \$120,942

Acquired 17.71 acres of woodlands from a developer for a planned 212 acre regional park in Urbandale, Dallas County, for an open space and a trail corridor. This land adjoins and is east and south of 1313.64 acres of park the city currently owns, of which 62.81 acres immediately adjoining were acquired with assistance of 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2003 REAP grants.

Council Bluffs 2004 Grant Amount - \$200,000

The City of Council Bluffs acquired and restored an additional 10 acres of remnant prairie adjoining the existing Vincent Bluff. In addition site improvements include providing access to Vincent Bluff, the construction of an environmental kiosk/shelter on site.

Marshalltown 2004 Grant Amount - \$111,000

The project goal extended the 8-mile City of Marshalltown Linn Creek Parkway trail another 2.28 miles to the Grimes Farm & Conservation Center. The project completed another piece of the American Discovery Trail and a linkage to the Marshall County Trail System. The project also includes a small trailhead park and a local access trail. 0.67 miles of this project are in Marshalltown and 1.61 miles are in rural Marshall County. The City of Marshalltown currently owns the entire project right away.

Marion 2005 Grant Amount - \$150,000

Krumholtz Woods was a 37.5 acre high quality woodland acquisition project along the Indian Creek greenbelt in the City of Marion. The owners donated 7.5 acres of land value towards the project. The park focuses on conservation of natural resources, environmental education and habitat protection as well as a major trail connection to Cedar Rapids.

Waterloo 2005 Grant Amount - \$200,000

This project provided for numerous improvements including selective earthwork, recreational trail and concrete walk construction, landscaping, and several other site amenities. Specifically, the proposed amenities include a 2,600' recreational trail, two 20'x28' picnic shelters, a park entrance sign, and a series of 930 traffic control bollards along the existing drive and parking areas.

Dubuque 2005 Grant Amount - \$200,000

Phase 1 of the Iowa 32 Bike/Hike Trail extends approximately two miles from the future terminus of the Dubuque County Heritage Trail at U.S. Highway 52 and Iowa 386 west to Kennedy Road along Iowa 32. The 10-foot wide physically separated route will be located in a grassy right-of-way. The project also will link to the city's urban extension of Heritage Trail that connects to riverfront attractions and the Mines of Spain State Recreation Area.

Sioux City 2005 Grant Amount - \$100,000

This project constructed a 1260 ft. trail loop. This portion will run along the banks of the Missouri River bringing trail users closer to the water and into the interior spaces of the park.

Davenport 2005 Grant Amount - \$72,115

The project constructed a 10-foot, paved recreational trail along the east side of the Goose Creek Greenway corridor. The trail connects 46th Street on the South to 53rd St. on the north. This was the first phase of a planned five-phase, off road north-south recreation trail project along the Goose Creek Greenway. Subsequent phases will connect north of 53rd St. to Goose Creek Heights/Park and South of 46th St. to the Duck Creek Parkway/Trail in Eastern Park.

Mason City 2005 Grant Amount - \$150,000

The project constructed a multi-purpose bridge across the Winnebago River connecting two community trail segments that access the area's regional trail system. This 220'x10' three-span, steel bridge facilitates passage between two highly utilized municipal parks which offer diverse recreational and cultural opportunities.

MEDIUM CITY PROJECTS

Decorah 2004 Grant Amount - \$100,000

This project developed a safe public trail along Trout Run Cold Water Trout Stream between Decorah and the Iowa State Fish Hatchery at Siewers Springs. The trail provides multiple benefits and uses, including protection from development, safe accessible entrance to one of the highest public-use trout streams in Iowa, hiking, biking, cross country skiing, horseback riding and handicapped fishing access. It brings together several private and public entities.

Perry 2004 Grant Amount - \$98,600

The City of Perry acquired a portion of the Union Pacific Railroad line that was abandoned through the city limits. This 31.2 acre parcel was developed as a multi-use recreational trail. This trail is part of the 28.1 mile long trail from Dawson to Waukee.

Creston 2004 Grant Amount - \$52,000

This project built 1.3 miles of asphalt surfaced trail, uniting to 1.2 mile of asphalt trail built in two separate segments, in 1998 and 2003. The trail was built to DNR's Mitchell Marsh, north of Creston. At that point Iowa DNR connected onto the new trail and built the trail to Green Valley State Park and around the entire state park lake. Fourteen miles of trail now exists from Creston's largest city park to an Iowa state park. The trail was purposely placed to interconnect 12 institutions and facilities. A "wetland overlook" and "prairie laboratory" will be built at the end of the proposed trail, over looking beautiful Mitchell Marsh.

Windsor Heights 2004 Grant Amount - \$75,000

The "Missing Link" project designed and constructed a trail on the east side of Walnut Creek, between University Avenue and College Drive in Windsor Heights. This project was named the "Missing Link" because this trail section was an essential link to connect regional trails. This trail section is a safe transport link and an outdoor classroom for Clive Elementary students.

Waukee 2004 Grant Amount - \$100,000

This is a multi-use trail for biking and other recreational uses. This trail connected Waukee to the existing Raccoon River Valley Trail, and eventually hundreds of miles of trails in Central Iowa. This trail was constructed of high-grade asphalt and is twelve (12) feet in width the entire 2.35 mile length. The trail is accented with landscaping and trees to beautify the area. This trail is managed by the City of Waukee/Dallas County.

Clive 2004 Grant Amount - \$125,000

This was an acquisition project of 22.52 acres of land, 20.39 acres of which was in the floodway. Our Greenbelt Park bordered this parcel to the east and south. To the west was 114th St, and then additional park ground on the west side of the street. A third of the property is heavily wooded and contains an abundance of wildlife. Its uses are mixed and include maintaining the existing tree cover, adding to the existing restored prairie in the Greenbelt Park, and a storm water detention pond. There is also a pedestrian trail around

the pond and prairie areas with information signs noting the benefits of the restored prairie and detention pond area.

Centerville 2005 Grant Amount - \$40,000

The City of Centerville and Appanoose County Conservation Board along with a coalition of individuals, businesses, groups and agencies are working to protect and improve the recreational, educational, wildlife, and water supply values of the city reservoirs at Lelah Bradley Park and Reserve. A key component of the effort was the acquisition and development of land for trail extensions. This REAP application funded the acquisition of twenty acres of land needed to fully complete the trail loop.

Webster City 2005 Grant Amount - \$100,000

This project constructed a 10 foot wide concrete trail that is approximately 2.5 miles long and includes a 210 foot bridge crossing the Boone River into Briggs Woods Park. This trail was the final phase of the Boone River Trail system and connected the existing portion of the City of Webster City trail with the existing Hamilton County Trail. The entire trail is six miles long, and links three city parks, two public campgrounds, one private park, one county park and an 18-hole public golf course.

Anamosa 2005 Grant Amount - \$98,306

The Hale Bridge relocation and restoration project was a cooperative project between the City of Anamosa, Jones County Board of Supervisors and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. It included adaptive reuse of the Hale Bridge, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, as a pedestrian and bicycle access to Wapsipinicon State Park.

Coralville 2005 Grant Amount - \$125,000

This project acquisitioned 23 acres of land in the Clear Creek Greenway.

Huxley 2005 Grant Amount - \$44,000

This project provided an important link in the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail through Story County. Approximately 2100 linear feet of former rail bed in Huxley were cleared, graded and surfaced with limestone. This project completed the trail from Slater to Cambridge. The project also developed an additional one acre park adjacent to the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail, a 30 diameter gazebo and connecting trail.

Eldora 2005 Grant Amount - \$75,000

Union Pacific Railroad (UPR) filled for abandonment of a 1.12 mile corridor, totaling 13 acres. Eldora acquired the corridor and developed it as the backbone of a multi-use trail, which linked to the Hardin County – Pine Lake Trail System.

In addition, Eldora acquired 3.25 acres of new trail right-of-way to create future trail connection to the Hardin County Historical Farm and Pine Lake State Park.

Humboldt 2005 Grant Amount - \$75,000

Humboldt expanded and asphalted the Cottonwood Trail. The asphalted trail expansion is more user-friendly for people with disabilities and more recreational and educational purposes are served by this expansion.

SMALL CITY PROJECTS

Olin 2004 Grant Amount - \$49,340

The City of Olin expanded its city park by purchasing 17.8 acres of pastureland. This doubled the size of the old park. The property was developed with natural surface trail, picnic areas and restored prairie area. It also included a wooden footbridge crossing Sibley Creek.

Milton 2004 Grant Amount - \$40,000

Milton acquired 13.5 acres of land and developed it into a public use park. The park includes gravel based walking trails, native prairie grasses, covered picnic tables and benches. The park includes open areas for prairie grass and 6 acres of timber like setting. The park is handicap accessible and includes 2 parking areas for ample parking on both sides of the park.

Sheldahl 2004 Grant Amount - \$35,192

Sheldahl acquired and developed a segment of the Central Iowa Trail System from Sheldahl/Slater to Ankeny on abandoned railroad. It contributed to the completion of the two, 100 mile recreational multi-use trail "loops" in central Iowa.

Slater 2004 Grant Amount - \$70,574

This project extended a trail through Grimm Park, across highway 210, along Fourmile Creek and connected to the city of Slater's Southside Park. The trail extension was approximately 4,000 feet long asphalt surfaced trail 8-10 feet wide.

Dawson 2004 Grant Amount - \$42,440

The City of Dawson acquired a portion of the Union Pacific Railroad line that was being abandoned from 1 mile west of Dawson to Waukee. This 12.48 acre parcel was developed as a multi-use recreational trail. This trail is part of the 28.1 mile long trail that was developed from Dawson to Waukee.

Minburn 2004 Grant Amount - \$36,500

The City of Minburn acquired a portion of the Union Pacific Railroad line that was being abandoned from 1 mile west of Dawson to Waukee. This 10.5 acre parcel was developed as a multi-use recreation trail. This trail is part of the 28.1 mile long trail that was developed from Dawson to Waukee.

Fayette 2004 Grant Amount - \$75,000

The City of Fayette, in cooperation with Upper Iowa University, constructed a 2.8 mile multiuse trail system with a 200' bridge over the Volga River. The trail extends from Fayette's city park at the western city limits and reaches beyond the eastern city limits of

town. It meanders around UIU's Frisbee Golf Course planted with native prairie grass and eventually cross the Volga River to Big Rock Road and the golf course.

Alden 2005 Grant Amount - \$16,200

The City of Alden developed approximately two acres of land to create stable improved canoe and kayak access to the riverbank on the Iowa River. The improvements were an integral part of a larger Iowa River Greenbelt Water Trail. Parking and picnic areas are be provided. The take-out and launch points are located above and below a low-head dam which have greatly enhanced the safety of river use.

Arnolds Park 2005 Grant Amount - \$75,000

The City of Arnolds Park purchased two (2) parcels of residential property that are located on the south side of the Abbie Gardner Sharp Cabin & Park. The city removed the small houses making way for a combination shelter house/accessible restroom, trail spur and parking facility.

Dallas Center 2005 Grant Amount - \$75,000

The City of Dallas Center acquired a portion of the Union Pacific Railroad line that is being abandoned. This 26 acre parcel was developed as a multi-use recreational trail. This trail is part of the 28.1 mile long trail from Dawson to Waukee and connects with hundreds of miles of trails in Central Iowa. This trail is managed by the City of Dallas Center/Dallas County.

Strawberry Point 2005 Grant Amount - \$75,000

This project restored prairie grass and forbs, created a more diverse habitat for wildlife, and provided a filter strip to protect the Maquoketa River tributary of storm water runoff. Funds assisted in the preservation of the environment, excavation and bank mobilization, nature trail construction and landscaping. The trail connects the residential district with the downtown business district. It also provides a wide range of educational and recreational opportunities.

Battle Creek 2005 Grant Amount - \$21,048

This project constructed a nature area and trail that provide educational and recreational activities for local citizens and visitors to the Battle Creek community. The nature area includes an arboretum, native grass and wildflower areas, a fishing pond and picnic areas. The trail is approximately three thousand feet of paved surface with adjoining wood chip trails to various parts of the nature area.

Coon Rapids 2005 Grant Amount - \$75,000

The City of Coon Rapids constructed a 4,100 foot extension of the Riverside Park Trail. The proposed trail connects with the proposed American Discovery Trail and runs south through property owned by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation/Whiterock Conservancy through a wooded area and a wetland.

Readlyn**2005 Grant Amount - \$50,000**

This project developed the Rolling Prairie Trail in Readlyn as part of a trail/park improvement plan. The alignment was a combination of separate trail and on-street accommodation with 1,860' of 10' P.C.C. trail and 163' of 15' P.C.C. trail. The 15' section accommodates maintenance vehicle access to the city's pump house, located in the city park. The balance of the trail utilizes on-street accommodations.